

Honorable Buddy Dyer
City of Orlando
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June 13, 2016

Dear Mayor Dyer,

It is with regret that Sunday morning's horrific tragedy serves as the occasion for this introduction. As Mayor-President of Lafayette, Louisiana, I reach out to offer my deep and sincere condolences to the City of Orlando.

Like you, I am the Mayor of a vibrant and culturally rich community. And like you, I am the Mayor of a community that was shaken to the core when two innocent women lost their lives, nine more were shot and countless others were left with scars that may never heal from a movie theatre shooting on July 23 of last year. Like Orlando, Lafayette chose to not be defined by the tragedy itself, but instead by how we responded to it.

A tragedy of this magnitude can tear a community apart and I commend you and your administration for strong leadership during this unimaginable time. The Orlando Police Department's leadership also deserves high praise for their acts of heroism, which undoubtedly saved dozens of lives. You must be proud of the citizens of Orlando, representing the true heart of your community, who are committed to stand united, not divided.

As the coming days reveal even more pain for your community, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. We have meaningful experience with this type of tragedy and we stand ready to provide the support needed. As your community grieves and begins the healing process, please know that you have an ally in Lafayette, Louisiana.

I hope you will let me know if my administration or the Lafayette Police Department can offer our resources, support, or services.

Very sincerely yours,



Joel Robideaux
Mayor-President
Lafayette Consolidated Government